

Status Summary Table of EPA Title VI Administrative Complaints (12/20/05)

Table 1: Title VI Complaints by Status Category/subcategory		Number (172 Total)	Percent	Explanation
Pending	Under review for possible investigation/rejection/referral	19	11%	Complaints received by EPA, but for which no decision has yet been made to either reject, accept for investigation, or refer to another federal agency. Includes complaints listed with “clarification requested” status.
	Accepted for investigation	20	12%	Complaints which met the regulatory requirements for an investigation (40 C.F.R. Part 7) and were accepted for investigation.
	Total Pending	39	23%	Complaints accepted for investigation <u>plus</u> the number of complaints under review for possible investigation.
Closed	Rejected for investigation	94	54%	Complaints received by EPA, but not accepted for investigation because they did not meet the regulatory requirements (40 C.F.R. Part 7) (e.g., no recipient of EPA financial assistance; complaint filed more than 180 days after the alleged discriminatory act). (See Table 2 for more information)
	Informally resolved	10	06%	Accepted complaints which have reached a resolution by informal voluntary negotiations, including Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).
	Dismissed after acceptance	26	15%	Complaints accepted for investigation, but later dismissed and the file closed. Excludes informally resolved complaints. (See Table 3 for more information.)
	Referral to another federal agency	03	02%	Complaints received by EPA, but not accepted for investigation because another federal agency has jurisdiction over the issues described in the complaint.
	Total Closed	133	77%	Note: OCR applies regulatory requirements to each allegation in a complaint. Those allegations not meeting requirements will be rejected. However, if any allegation is accepted for investigation, the complaint is represented in the tally here as accepted.

Table 2: Reasons for Rejection of Complaints	Number
No recipient of EPA financial assistance involved	40
Insufficient allegations to constitute a complaint	22
Filed after expiration of 180 day deadline	28
Allegations unsupported by facts	4
Already in court litigation	12
Unauthorized representative	1
Moot (challenged permit expired or w/drawn)	6
Note: Some complaints were rejected for more than one reason.	

Table 3: Reasons for Dismissal of Complaints*	Number
Permit application withdrawn	1
Permit denied/Appeals exhausted	3
Permit application inactive	1
No adverse impact found	7
No disparity found	2
Moot	3
No factual support	1
No intentional discrimination found	2
Complaint withdrawn by complainant	8
Total	28
(*Excludes informally resolved complaints)	